## **AMENDMENT**

## In the Specification:

## Please replace paragraph [58] with the following rewritten paragraph [58]:

--S. erythraea K97-71 contains a chromosomal deletion of the three eryA genes and insertion of the xylE gene from Pseudomonas aeruginosa in their place in the chromosome. To make this strain, plasmid pKOS97-49b was first constructed as follows. Two fragments flanking the eryA genes were PCR amplified from S. erythraea genomic DNA using the following primers (SphI, HindIII, BamH I, and EcoRI restriction sites are underlined): eryAI left flank, forward:

5'-TTT<u>GCATGC</u>GGCCACGCGCACGTCGTGACC (SEQ ID NO:1), eryAI left flank, reverse:

5'-TT<u>AAGCTT</u>CATATGTCCCCCTACTCGACGACCAC (SEQ ID NO:2); eryAIII right flank, forward:

5'-TTT<u>GGATCC</u>GGCGGAGGGAATACATGACCACGAC (SEQ ID NO:3), eryAIII right flank, reverse:

5'-TTTGAATTCCCGCTCGCTGAAGTCCAGGCT (SEQ ID NO:4).--

## Please replace paragraph [65] with the following rewritten paragraph [65]:

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--S. erythraea K24-1 contains a chromosomal deletion of the three eryA genes and insertion of the attB locus for the Streptomyces phage phiC31 from Streptomyces lividans, followed by the ermE\* promoter in their place. To make this strain, plasmid pKOS134-04 was first constructed as follows. The phiC31 attB site was inserted between the Hind III and BamH I sites of pKOS97-49a using the following two annealed oligonucleotides: forward: